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Letter re Robert Anton Wilson, CSICOP, John Merrell, and Noreen Renier

JIM LIPPARD of Arizona Skeptics writes as follows:

"Robert Anton Wilson demonstrates his habitual carelessness with the facts when he writes that CSICOP was successfully sued 'about four years ago - in Oregon' by psychic detective Noreen Renier. Renier successfully sued John Merrell of the Northwest Skeptics in 1985-1986 for defamatory remarks he made about her in a letter to police and the Oregon media. Neither the Northwest Skeptics nor CSICOP were defendants in Renier's lawsuit....To the best of my knowledge, CSICOP has never lost a lawsuit."

[Merrell subsequently won a lawsuit against Renier when she violated the terms of their settlement. Wilson replied in a subsequent issue of *Saucer Smear*.]